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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, it is requested that the reference(s) listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record in the above-identified application. Copies of the references are submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a).

The items marked with an asterisk (*) contained in the information disclosure statement were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 03-059543 teaches the use of a protective film (PSV2) over a black matrix (BM) in the drawings. The protective film (PSV2) is made of a transparent resin material such as acrylic resin, epoxy resin, etc.

A Full English translation of Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 03-059543 is currently being prepared and will be submitted thereafter.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, 1.20(a), 1.20(b), 1.20(c), and 1.20(d) (except the Issue Fee) which may be required now or hereafter, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2380. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.



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